

Message Text

PAGE 01 PANAMA 06519 041544Z

50

ACTION SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /031 W

----- 025668

O R 041456Z DEC 73

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO AMCONGEN SAO PAULO IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9226

GOV PANCANAL

USCINCSO

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 6519

EXDIS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PN PFOR

SUBJ: RESUMPTION OF U.S. - PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PANAMA 6482

SAO PAULO PASS TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER FROM BELL

1. AMBASSADOR GONZALEZ-REVILLA DELIVERED THE EVENING OF DECEMBER 3 A WRITTEN COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR THE U.S. VERSION OF THE EIGHT PRINCIPLES. EACH OF US HAVING NO AUTHORIZATION FROM HIS PRINCIPAL TO NEGOTIATE ON THE LANGUAGE BUT AUTHORIZATION TO CLARIFY WHAT MIGHT BE MEANT BY IT, WE WENT OVER THE WORDS FOR SEVERAL HOURS.

2. I BELIEVE YOU WILL REGARD THE PANAMANIAN VERSION AS TENDING TO CONFIRM THE FLEXIBILITY AND DESIRE FOR ACCOMMODATION WHICH YOUR SOJOURN HERE SEEMED TO ELICIT. THEY SAY NOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WE MAY HAVE "RIGHTS" - THAT IS, IN EFFECT, JURISDICTIONAL RIGHTS - FOR OPERATING AND DEFENDING THE CANAL. GONZALEZ-REVILLA CHARACTERIZES THAT AS A MAJOR CONCESSION AND I WOULD BE INCLINED TO AGREE. FOR ANOTHER EXAMPLE, THEY NO LONGER SAY THAT WE MAY RETAIN ONLY THOSE PROPERTIES "PROVED" (BY THEM) TO BE ESSENTIAL TO OUR OPERATION AND DEFENSE OF THE WATERWAY. AND THEIR LANGUAGE ON CANAL DEFENSE AND ADMINISTRATION, THOUGH NOT CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 PANAMA 06519 041544Z

ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY, APPEARS TO BE REASONABLY BLAND AND, I GATHER, NEGOTIABLE. FINALLY, THEIR VERSION OF PRINCIPLE 8, WHICH AS YOU RECALL IS THE MOST DIFFICULT FOR THEM, DOES NOT SEEM TO BE OUT OF THE BALLPARK - IT IS A ONE-SENTENCE

STATEMENT SIMILAR IN SOME RESPECTS TO THAT WHICH YOU
OFFERED AS A SUBSTITUTE.

3. AS YOU HAD INSTRUCTED I WILL TAKE THE NEW PANAMANIAN VERSION
TO WASHINGTON, HAVE IT PROPERLY TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH, AND
DELIVER IT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AND TO ASSISTANT
SECRETARIES HILL AND KUBISCH FOR THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOU.

4. GONZALEZ-REVILLA SUGGESTED, SPEAKING HE SAID FOR THE
FOREIGN MINISTER, THAT IF THERE IS SOME SERIOUS BUT "INFORMAL"
TALKING TO DO ON THESE PRINCIPLES, I SHOULD VISIT PANAMA AGAIN
SHORTLY. THEY DO NOT WISH TO "DISCOMMODE" YOU AGAIN FOR, AS
HE PUT IT, "MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OF LANGUAGE." THEY WANT YOU TO
COME FOR THE "FINAL TOUCH" - AND SOME HEARTENING WORDS ON THE
POSSIBILITIES FOR A UNILATERAL GESTURE.

5. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO CONVEY
TO YOU NOT ONLY THE "DEEP RESPECT" BUT ALSO THE "FEELINGS
OF FRIENDSHIP" OF HIS "SUPERIOR." HE MEANT, OF COURSE,
TORRIJOS.
SAYRE

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 10 MAY 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: FOREIGN RELATIONS, PANAMA CANAL TREATY, INTERNATIONAL CANALS, NEGOTIATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 DEC 1973
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: hilburpw
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973PANAMA06519
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: n/a
Film Number: P750033-2258
From: PANAMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731256/abqcegir.tel
Line Count: 78
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, TEXT ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: PANAMA 6482
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hilburpw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17-Jan-2002 by smithrj>; APPROVED <07 FEB 2002 by hilburpw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RESUMPTION OF U.S. - PANAMA TREATY NEGOTIATIONS
TAGS: PFOR, ETEL, PN, US, (GONZALEZ-REVILLA)
To: AMCONGEN SAO PAULO IMMEDIATE INFO STATE
GOV PANCANAL
USCINCSO
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005